



Improving Small Business Cyber Security Act of 2016

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- ✓ **Small businesses face a greater number of more sophisticated cyberattacks each year**
 - ✓ **Inadequate support**: Despite this, existing support structures and services have not been adequately modernized and updated to provide greater cyber assistance to small businesses.
 - ✓ **No-cost legislation**: This bill updates the Small Business Act to direct SBDCs to offer cyber support services to small businesses at no added cost to the taxpayer.
 - ✓ **Strong coordination and oversight**: To effectively leverage SBDC cyber support services, DHS and SBA will be required to review current federal programs and develop an “SBDC Cyber Strategy” to coordinate and streamline SBDC cyber assistance to small businesses.
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*Small Business Development Centers have been on the ground helping small businesses for more than 30 years. This bill provides them with the tools, resources, and expert guidance they need to **better meet the 21st century needs of small businesses.***

- **American small businesses are under cyberattack like never before.**

By one estimate, three out of every five cyberattacks now target small businesses. With America’s 28 million small businesses making up 54 percent of annual sales in the U.S., the frequency of such attacks and the high costs they create for small businesses could have ripple effects throughout our economy and raise the costs of doing business.

- **Small businesses are often not prepared to prevent cyberattacks or easily recover from the damages of successful intrusions.**

A recent report by Internet security firm McAfee found that 90 percent of small- to medium-sized businesses do not protect customer information through advanced data protection and a separate study determined that 83 percent of small businesses do not have an established cyber security plan on hand.

- **To address this problem and provide much-needed support to small businesses, we have introduced the Improving Small Business Cyber Security Act. This no-cost legislation leverages the expertise of the more than 900 Small Business Development Centers (SBDCs) around the country to support small businesses in developing affordable cyber security plans and enhancing their cyber infrastructure.**

It updates the Small Business Act to authorize SBDCs to offer cyber support to small businesses in accordance with an SBDC Cyber Strategy, which is to be developed jointly by the Department of Homeland Security and the Small Business Administration.